



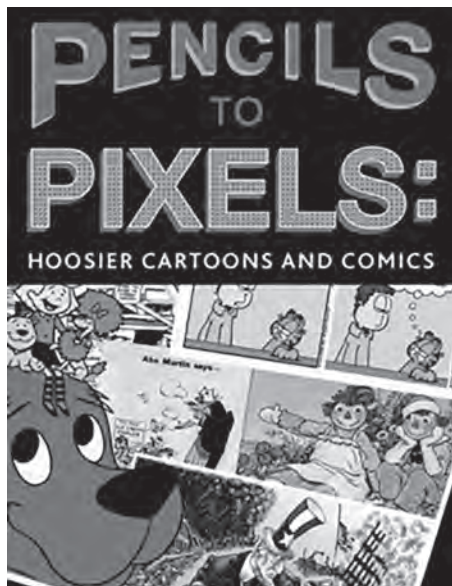
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Indiana Cartoonists Make a Big Impression on Emmons Students



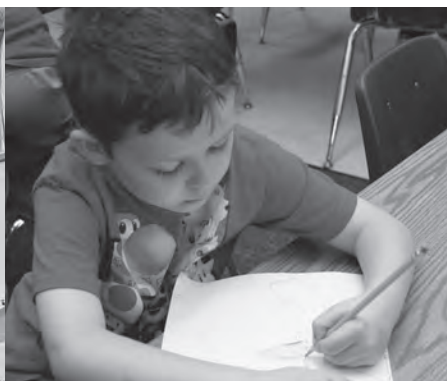
This spring HLCM was visited by the Indiana Historical Society's traveling exhibit From Pencils to Pixels: Hoosier Cartoons and Comics. This special traveling exhibit featured the history and influence of Indiana cartoons and comics on the national and international stage. The exhibit also featured the addition of a display of Garfield artifacts from HLCM's own collection arranged by Kathleen Dunn.

In collaboration with Emmons art teacher Suzanne Ragsdale, each of the 18 classrooms of Emmons Elementary School enjoyed a very special experience. The classes each came into the Museum space, to visit the traveling exhibit, learn more about the influence of an Indiana cartoonist and then create their own cartoon based upon what they learned in the art classroom. The drawings

were outstanding and the feedback from the students was awesome.

The program focused on two of Indiana's most recognizable cartoonists, Jim Davis, the creator of Garfield and Norman Bridwell, the creator of Clifford the Big Red Dog.

Hannah Lindahl Children's Museum will be hosting another traveling exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society this February titled, Who is a Hoosier.



Marvin Wood: A Legend of Basketball and Mishawaka

By Pete DeKeever



Long before Marvin Wood moved to Mishawaka in 1965, he was already one of the most famous figures in Indiana basketball history. As coach at tiny Milan High School, he led the Indians to the 1954 state championship, defeating mighty Muncie Central in a David-and-Goliath struggle that would inspire generations of Hoosiers and even Hollywood filmmakers.

Born near Fountaintown, Indiana, on January 21, 1928, Marvin was the oldest of four sons. Farm life during the Depression taught him teamwork, and his parents nurtured Marvin's Christian faith—values that would guide his life.

At nearby Morristown High School, Wood played on a sectional championship team as a freshman. After graduation in 1946, he attended Butler University on a basketball scholarship.

While still a student-athlete, Marvin married Mary Lou Henley, a high school classmate, in 1948.

Marvin earned his degree from Butler in 1950 and was hired at French Lick High School, where he coached for two years.

Marvin and Mary Lou's first child, Douglas, was born in 1951, and their daughter, Deidra, was born the following year.

Wood became the Milan coach in 1952, leading the school to sectional, regional, and semi-state titles before falling to eventual state champion South Bend Central in the 1953 state finals.

With most of his team returning for the 1954 campaign, Wood took the Indians back to the state finals, where they upset the Bearcats, 32–30, in the championship game. With Milan trailing 28–26 in the fourth quarter, Wood had Bobby Plump, his best player, stall by holding the ball for over four minutes. Later, the tie game was decided by Plump's last shot, a jumper that won the championship.

The Milan story inspired the 1986 movie *Hoosiers*, which is widely regarded as one of the greatest sports films ever made.

Wood moved on to New Castle, winning the sectional in 1955, and then coached at Indianapolis North Central from 1956–1965 before accepting the coaching job at Mishawaka. He and his family left after one season to be closer to Wood's ailing mother-in-law.

Marvin spent the next three years as athletic director at Shelbyville

before returning to coach the Cavemen in 1969. Wood led Mishawaka to statewide prominence in the early and mid-1970s. His 1974 team went 18-2 in the regular season and took a #4 state ranking into the sectional before losing in the title game. The next year, Mishawaka went 17–3 and won its first sectional in twenty years. A painful double-overtime defeat in the regional final ended the Cavemen's thrilling season.

In 1975, Marvin Wood was elected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Wood continued coaching until 1980 and then became a guidance counselor. When the head girls basketball coach was ill during the 1982–83 season, Wood took over as interim coach and won conference, sectional, and regional championships that year. He led an AAU girls team to a national championship in 1988 and was the women's basketball coach at St. Mary's College for ten years.

While running for state representative in 1990, Marvin was diagnosed with cancer. He narrowly lost the election and fought another bout with cancer the following year.

Wood won election to the Mishawaka Common Council in 1995 and was inducted into the Mishawaka High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999.



Marvin Wood died of lymphoma on October 13, 1999, and is buried with his son in Asbury Cemetery in Morristown, Indiana.

Marvin Wood is one of the featured World Famous Mishawakans in HLCM's displays this year beginning in October. Visit rare artifacts of Marvin's story lent to HLCM with special thanks to Mary Lou Wood.



Museum Calendar

Saturday, September 23, 10 A.M.—2 P.M.
National Museum Day LIVE!
 Free admission to all visitors in honor of National Museum Day LIVE! See what's new at the Museum, play history games and the chance to win a free one year Museum Membership!

October 2, 2017 – May 31, 2018
World Famous Mishawakans, Part III
 This exhibit features three world famous residents from Mishawaka's past and present. This year we are highlighting the life and influence of the Candoli Brothers (jazz musicians), Marvin Wood (basketball coach) and a living former resident. This exhibit changes annually, to see past featured World Famous Mishawakans visit HLCM's website.

November 21 – December 22, 2017
Let it Snow, Let it Snow
 The Museum becomes a winter wonderland. Over 1,000 Christmas

Saturday
 September 23, 2017

10 A.M.—2 P.M.

HLCM will be **FREE**
 and open to the public

Join us for special games and see what is new in the Museum.

lights and several holiday vignettes will delight visitors as you walk through the model streetscape of Mishawaka. Visitors will also enjoy a Victorian Christmas in miniature in the Guske Dollhouse.

February 13 – March 23, 2018
Who is a Hoosier?

Many people ask "What is a Hoosier?"—and while the term's origins may be up for debate, a traveling exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society looks at how people with many different backgrounds have come to take pride in the nickname. It shows how the comings and goings of newcomers to the state, through immigration or migration, have created the Indiana we know today—and will continue to shape its future.

More special exhibits coming soon...



Thank You

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The Endowment Fund ensures the ongoing legacy of Hannah Lindahl Children's Museum in the local community. It supports our mission to provide a collection of unique artifacts that encourages families to explore, learn and enjoy the history of the Mishawaka area.

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(closed whenever school is not in session in SCM)

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